

# Health IT State Summary

Alabama

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The health information technology (health IT) adoption and utilization data presented below are based upon measures developed and/or reported publicly by the HHS ONC within the [Health IT Dashboard](#), at <http://dashboard.healthIT.gov>.

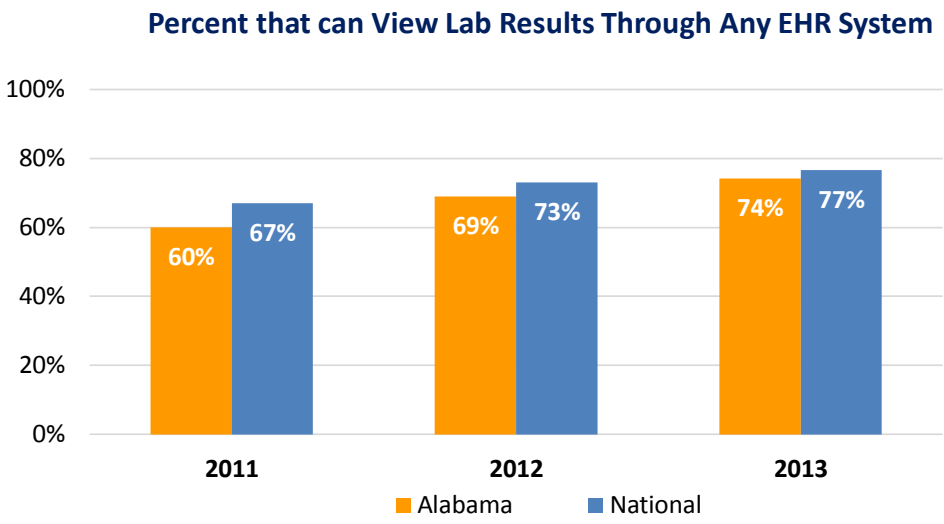
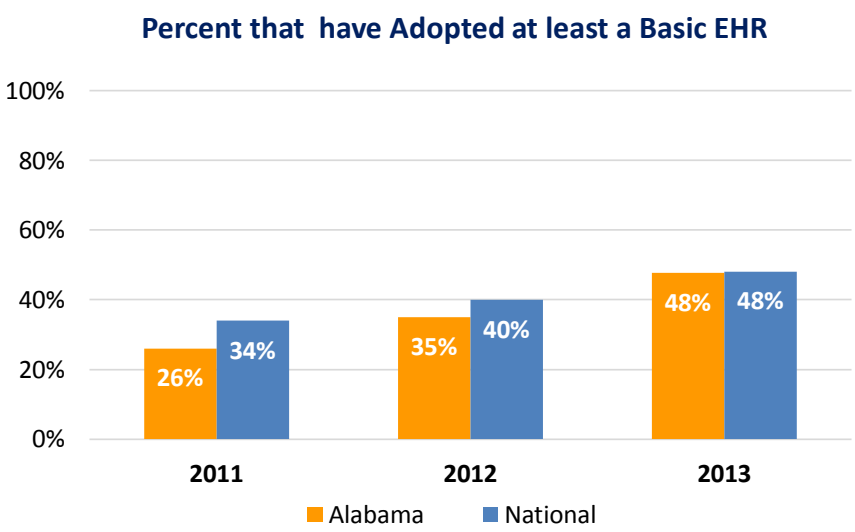


The [Health IT Dashboard](#) presents key information about ONC programs and research data to enable collaborative monitoring of the impact of federal policies, programs, and research activities related to health IT.

Health IT, including the adoption of electronic health records, health information exchange, and other personalized medical devices has the power to transform health care delivery and contribute to improvements in quality and costs. This report montiors health IT measures in the following areas:

- \* Estimates of the Number of Health Care Providers
- \* Office-Based Health Care Provider Adoption of EHRs and Health Information Exchange Capability
- \* Acute-Care Hospital Adoption of EHRs and Health Information Exchange Capability
- \* Electronic Prescribing Capability Among Health Care Providers and Pharmacies
- \* Summary of ONC HITECH Programs and Recovery Act Funding
- \* Community College Consortia to Educate Health IT Professionals Program
- \* Health IT Regional Extension Centers Program
- \* Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs

Measure Area / Measure Title	Alabama	National	Last Updated	Related Materials
<b>Provider Population Estimates</b>				
<b>Office-based Providers</b>				
Total Number of Health Care Providers	9,488	725,406	2013	<a href="#">SK&amp;A</a>
Number of Primary Care Providers	4,061	306,388	2013	<a href="#">SK&amp;A</a>
<b>Non-federal Acute Care Hospitals</b>				
Short Term General	84	3,392	2014	<a href="#">CMS</a>
Urban	47	2,540	2014	<a href="#">CMS</a>
Rural	37	852	2014	<a href="#">CMS</a>
Critical Access	3	1,331	2014	<a href="#">CMS</a>
<b>Office-Based Provider Adoption &amp; Utilization of Electronic Health Records (EHR)</b>				
<b>Adoption of Basic EHRs among Office-based Providers</b>				<a href="#">NCHS Data Brief #143</a>
Overall Physician Practices	48%	48%	2013	<a href="#">NAMCS</a>
Primary Care Providers	50%	53%	2013	<a href="#">NAMCS</a>
Rural Providers	54%	46%	2013	<a href="#">NAMCS</a>
Small Practices	40%	41%	2013	<a href="#">NAMCS</a>
<b>Health Information Exchange: Office-base Physicians</b>				
Percent of office-based physicians with capability to send orders for lab tests electronically	48%	53%	2013	<a href="#">NAMCS</a>
Percent of office-based physicians with computerized capability to view lab results	74%	77%	2013	<a href="#">NAMCS</a>
Percent of office-based physicians with EHR/EMR that can automatically graph a specific patent's lab results over time	38%	47%	2013	<a href="#">NAMCS</a>
<b>Patient Engagement: Office-based Physicians</b>				
Percent of office-based physicians with capability to exchange secure messages with patients	38%	49%	2013	<a href="#">NAMCS</a>
Percent of office-based physicians with capability to provide patients with clinical summaries for each visit	56%	68%	2013	<a href="#">NAMCS</a>



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Non-Federal Acute Care Hospital Adoption & Utilization of Electronic Health Records (EHR)				
Adoption of Basic EHRs (at least Basic EHR with Notes)			<a href="#">ONC Data Brief #16</a>	
Overall Hospital	45%	59%	2013	<a href="#">AHA</a>
Rural Hospitals	35%	53%	2013	<a href="#">AHA</a>
Small Hospitals	41%	53%	2013	<a href="#">AHA</a>
Health Information Exchange: Capability to Electronically Share Laboratory Results			<a href="#">ONC Data Brief #17</a>	
with any Providers Outside their Health System	60%	57%	2013	<a href="#">AHA</a>
with Hospitals Outside their Health System	35%	34%	2013	<a href="#">AHA</a>
with Ambulatory Providers Outside their Health System	49%	52%	2013	<a href="#">AHA</a>
Health Information Exchange: Providing Patients with an E-Copy of their Health Information				
Copy of their EHR within 3 Business Days of the Request	86%	87%	2013	<a href="#">AHA</a>
Copy of their Discharge Instructions Upon Request	83%	79%	2013	<a href="#">AHA</a>
Health Information Exchange: Capability to Exchange Clinical Care Summaries with Outside Providers				
with any Providers Outside Their Health System	56%	42%	2013	<a href="#">AHA</a>
with Hospitals Outside Their Health System	42%	29%	2013	<a href="#">AHA</a>
with Ambulatory Providers Outside Their Health System	36%	37%	2013	<a href="#">AHA</a>

Percent that have Adopted at least a Basic EHR

Year	Alabama	National
2011	22%	28%
2012	29%	44%
2013	45%	59%

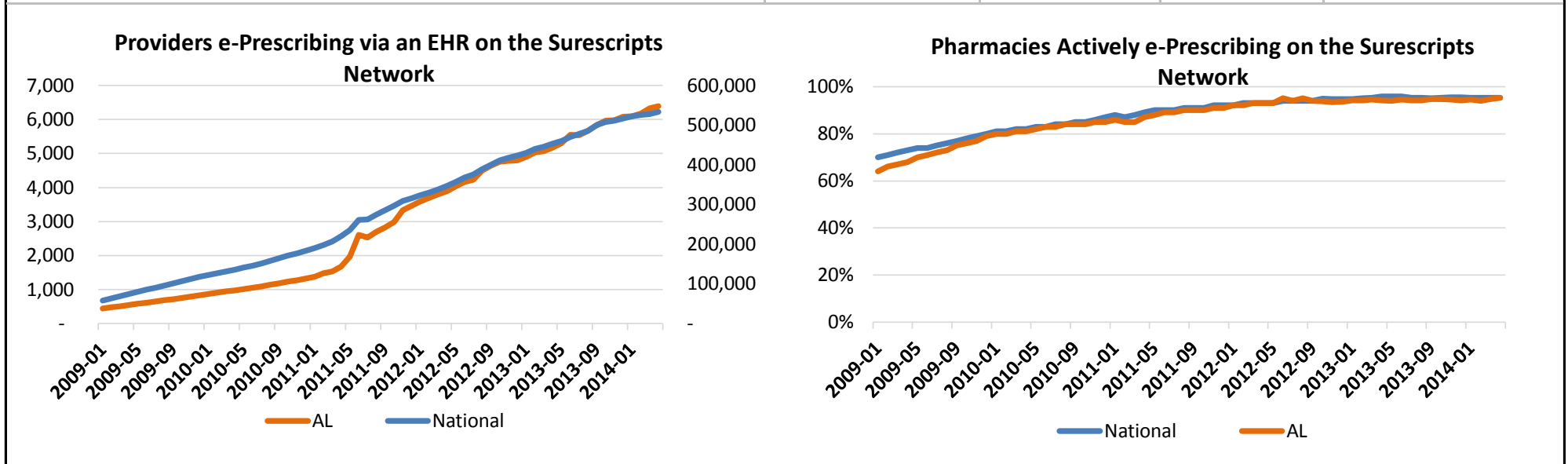
Percent that can Electronically Share Lab Results with Providers Outside Their System

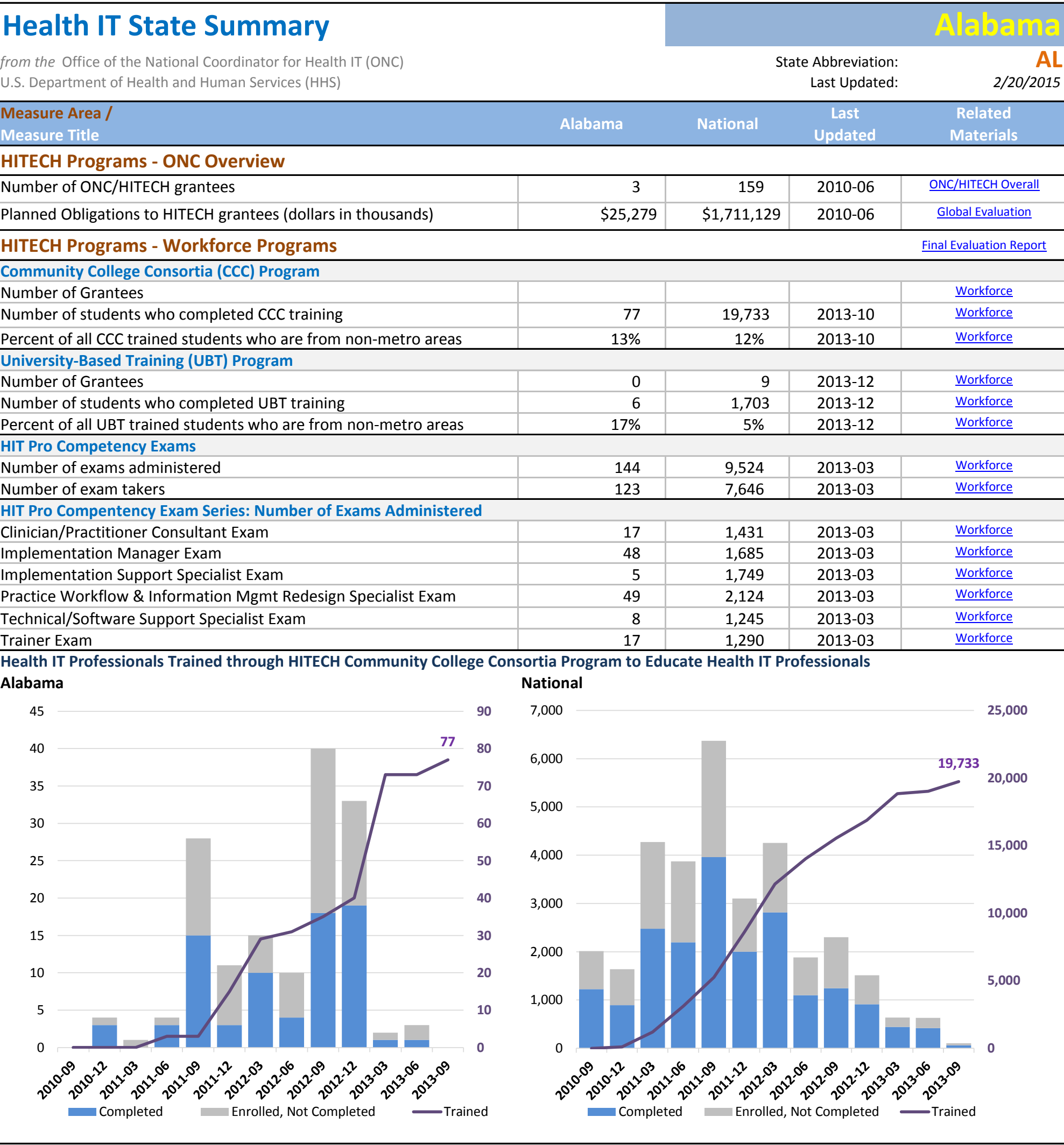
Year	Alabama	National
2012	52%	44%
2013	60%	57%

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Community Pharmacies and Provider e-Prescribing on the Surescripts Network				
e-Prescribing Capability and Activity Among Community Pharmacies on the Surescripts Network				<a href="#">ONC Data Brief #18</a>
Percent of retail community pharmacies enabled	96%	96%	2014-04	<a href="#">Surescripts</a>
Percent of retail community pharmacies actively e-Prescribing	95%	95%	2014-04	<a href="#">Surescripts</a>
Providers e-Prescribing on the Surescripts Network by Specialty				
Total	8,124	695,640	2014-04	<a href="#">Surescripts</a>
Primary Care Providers	2,517	218,703	2014-04	<a href="#">Surescripts</a>
Non-Primary Care Providers	4,524	361,981	2014-04	<a href="#">Surescripts</a>
Nurse Practitioners	932	73,231	2014-04	<a href="#">Surescripts</a>
Physicians Assistants	151	41,725	2014-04	<a href="#">Surescripts</a>
e-Prescribing Methods of Providers on the Surescripts Network				
Prescribing through a Stand Alone System	624	40,528	2014-04	<a href="#">Surescripts</a>
Prescribing through an EHR	6,394	533,639	2014-04	<a href="#">Surescripts</a>
Prescribing Methods of Prescribers on the Surescripts Network				
Percent of New and Renewal Prescriptions Processed on the Surescripts Network	52%	57%	2013	<a href="#">Surescripts</a>
Medication Histories Requests and Rspponses on the Surescripts Network				
Medication History Requests on Surescripts Network	889,445	52,048,036	2014-04	<a href="#">Surescripts</a>
Medication History Request Responses on Surescripts Network	785,300	44,922,064	2014-04	<a href="#">Surescripts</a>





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## HITECH Programs - Health IT Regional Extension Centers Program (REC)

### All Providers

Providers Signed Up with REC	1,421	155,334	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>
REC Providers Live with an EHR	1,366	142,321	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>
REC Providers Demonstrating Meaningful Use	1,113	108,265	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>

### Priority Primary Care Providers

[ONC Data Brief #11](#)

Providers Signed Up with REC	1,302	141,078	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>
REC Providers Live with an EHR	1,263	131,861	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>
REC Providers Demonstrating Meaningful Use	1,047	102,893	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>

### Primary Care Providers Enrolled for Assistance in the Regional Extension Centers (REC) Program

#### 1,302 of all STATE Primary Care Providers ENROLLED

32%

39 Enrolled, NOT LIVE on an EHR

1,047 Demonstrating Meaningful Use of an EHR

3%17%80%

216 LIVE on an EHR

#### 141,078 of all NATIONAL Primary Care Providers ENROLLED

46%

9,217 Enrolled, NOT LIVE on an EHR

102,893 Demonstrating Meaningful Use of an EHR

7%21%73%

28,968 LIVE on an EHR

### Priority Providers by Practice Area Type

#### Urban Areas

Providers Signed Up with REC	948	108,470	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>
REC Providers Live with an EHR	918	101,916	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>
REC Providers Demonstrating Meaningful Use	771	80,802	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>

#### Rural Areas

[ONC Data Brief #5](#)

Providers Signed Up with REC	339	22,625	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>
REC Providers Live with an EHR	330	21,266	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>
REC Providers Demonstrating Meaningful Use	266	16,448	2014-12	<a href="#">REC</a>

### Practice Area Type and EHR Implementation Milestone for Providers Signed up with RECs

#### Urban (State)

81%

16%

#### Urban (National)

75%

19%

6%

#### Rural (State)

78%

19%

#### Rural (National)

73%

21%

6%

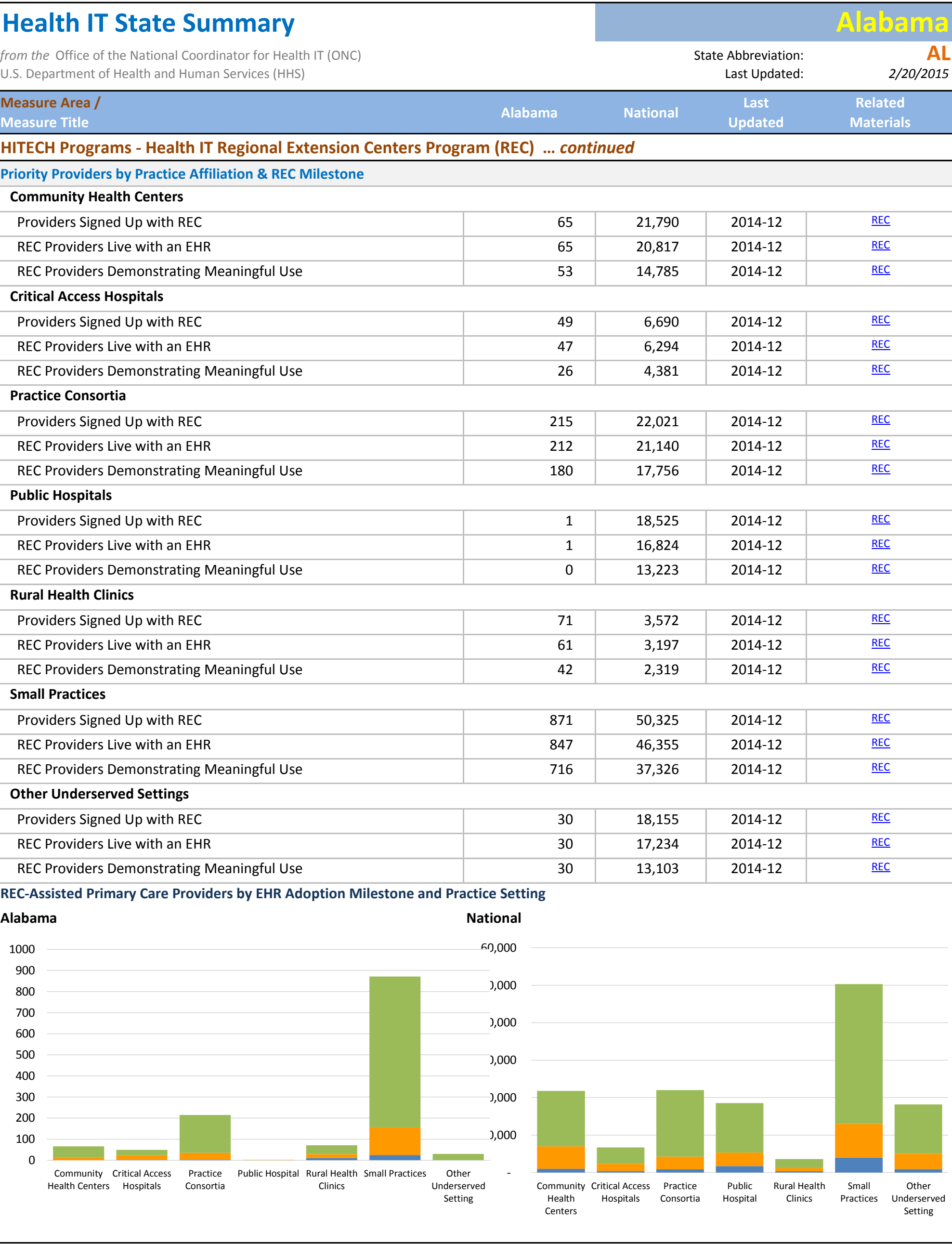
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Payments (per unique paid hospital)	\$ 3,906,127	\$ 3,708,701	2014-12	<a href="#">CMS</a>																																																																																																						
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